THE WARDENSHIP.

On Tuesday next the first business of the new Council of the Counter of Halton will be the selection and proper appointment from among the members thereof, of a gen tleman to occupy the Warden's chair during the present year. The precedent of former years has generally been to bestow the honor of this distinctive office upon the member of the Council who has served continuously upon the board for the longest period, of course keeping in view the relative claims of the several municipalities represented. Occasionally, however, party pro ferences have been brought to bear in the case. This is certainly an unworthy and unjustifiable proceedure, and should not be brought into consideration at the Council

In our opinion the member of the County Council whose claims for the honorable of fice referred to are the strongest is W. H Storey, Esq., the well-known and highlyesteemed Reeve of this municipality. And the claims of Acton are equally as prominent as those of its representative. Mr. Storey is the oldest Reeve in the Conneil who has not been an occupant of the Warden's chair. For years he has held promiuent positions upon important committees, and has never failed to fulfil the duties to which he has from time to time been ap pointed in a faithful and judicious manner, and with an executive ability peculiar to few. His labors in the Council have been satisfactory alike to the Council and people generally throughout the county Since incorporation, thirteen years ago, Acton has never had the pleasure of seeing its chief magistrate fill the position of Warden of the county, while other municipalities have been favored repeatedly, regardless of the just and reasonable claims of their neighbors. This time Acton expects her claims to be favorably entertained, and consistently believes they will; her electors will, however, regard it very much in the light of an insult to their town as well as to their representative if he fails to receive the appointment.

We have every confidence that Mr. Storey will be elected Warden, and hope next week to have the pleasure of tendering our congratulations. As we previously stated, party-politics have sometimes been brought to bear in the appointment, but we fail to see any tenable reason why the Reform members should use their power in this connection merely because they control a majority of the votes at the board. It is true our candidate has been connected with the other party in parliamentary contests, but he is not recognized as a strong partizan, and in County Council matters has always exercised the most liberal and courteous bearing towards the members holding the opposite opinion upon political questions. Mr. Storey nominated Mr. Menzies. -a Reformer-the Warden for 1885, and warmly supported him. From our acquaintance with the character of the members generally who compose the Council this year, we are satisfied that their desire for fair play will largely outweigh any party feelings they may entertain. We sincerely -trust that the members as,a whole will join hands on all issues for the time being unanimously elect Mr. Storey of the office of Warden of the County of Halton for

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mr. Stead, editor of the London Pall Mall Gazette, who in November was sentenced to three months, impresonment for his connection with the Eliza Armstrong abduction case, was released from prison on Monday. Mr. Stead is well and intends to take a fortnight's boliday.

It is announced that the National Temperance League of England is making Carried. arrangements for a temperance congress in London, in July next, in connection with the Indian and Colonial Exhibition to which temperance, organizations of all kinds throughout the Dominion of Canada are invited to send representatives. The time is certainly well chosen for such a convention, and, no doubt, the invitation will meet with a hearty response in Can-

This year the Queen's Birthday comes on Monday; St. Valentine's day on Sun day; St. Patrick's day on Wednesday; April fool day and Dominion Day on Thursday; and Christmas on Saturda. Lent begins March 10th, and Easter Sunday will be the 25th of April. There will be two eclipses, both of the sun-one March 5th; this will be annual, or as near a total eclipse as the moon can make in passing between the sun and carth. The second will be partial eclipse, occuring August 29th. Neither visible here

Mr. Blake's Address.

The first appearance publicly of Hon Edw. Blake, since returning from England was at London last Thursday, where he delivered an address, which it is said has never been surpassed on any public occasion in the listory of the Dominion.

The Toronto World says :- In justice to Mr. Blake, it ought to be said that his position is decided and unequivocal. The speech, especially that part af it dealing with the rebellion, was the most elequent the leader of the opposition has ever delivered, and was pervaded by a lofty moral tone. He repudiated the idea that he was seeking office over a scaffold, or that he had made or been a party to any alliance to that end. He would, as he said, refuse to The building is a large one and substantial. open the portals of the future with the ly built. The opening, advertised as the

blood-rusted key of the past. Speaking of the address, the New York Sun says his advice "is the perfection of attended: political wisdom; and the more thoroughly the Canadians follow it the better it will

INAUGURAL SESSION.

the Members Elect of the Municipal Coun oil do the Usual Swearing and Take Their Places.

THE COMMITTEES.

The following members elect filed int the Council Chamber at 11 o'clock or Monday morning :-W. H. Storey, Reeve, and D. Henderson

J. B. Peasonn, J. Fyfe and Juo. Cameron, After subscribing to the necessary dec-

aration of qualification and oath of office, they took the enshioned chairs surrounding the Board. Then business proceeded

Moved by Joseph Fyfe, seconded by D. Henderson, that the mover, seconder and the Reeve, be a special committee to strike the standing committees for the year, Carried. A by-law to appoint auditors was intro

duced, but not finally passed. The Reeve nominated Mr. Thos. T. Moore, and the council Mr. Robt, Royce as

The Council then adjourned to meet on

Wednesday evening at 8.30.

Wednesday ovening. Council in session. The special committee presented their draft of the standing committees as fol-

FINANCE .- D. Henderson and J. Fyfe. Town Hall .- J. B. Pearson and W. H. CENETERY .- W. H. Storey, D. Henderson

J. Fyfe and John Cameron. EDUCATION .- J. Fyfe, J. Cameron and STREETS & SIDEWALES .- J. Cameron,

B. Pearson and D. Henderson.

PRINTING .- W. H. Storey, D. Henderson and J. Fyfe. The first named of each committee to be chairman of the same.

The council is still in session as go to to press. Anything further of importance which may be transacted will be reported

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The First Meeting of the Board for the Current Year. Mr. J. E. McGarvin the New Chairman.

BIG FINANCE REPORT.

The Board of Trustees met in the Council Chamber on Monday exening, the 18th

After subscribing to the declaration of office, the newly-elected members took seats | Barber. The Secretary then took the chair and

asked the members to appoint their chair Mr. J. E. McGarvin was unanimousl elected chairman of the board for the cur-

rent year. Mr. McGarvin took the chair. Moved by W, H. Storey, seconded by Thos. C. Moore, that W. P. Brown, Geo. Hynds, and the mover, be a committee t strike the standing cammittees for the cur-

The committee to strike the standi committees for the year, recommended the following appointments:-FINANCE COMMITTEE-W. P. Brown, Geo

Hynds, and W. H. Storey. PROPERTY COMMITTEE-Thos. C. Moore J. E. McGarvin and Dr. Lowry.

Report adopted. The Finance Committee presented their first report recommending payment of the following accounts:-James Brown, acc't for wood \$ 113 00

The Treasurer, int. acc't. for 1885 Thos. Cook, cutting 30 cords wood Geo. Havil, putting up stoves, &c. H. P. Moore, printing, &c..... Thos. Easton, caretaking Jno. Cameron; making | black-

Upon motion the report was adopted The Property Committee was instructed upon motion to secure the necessary appli ances for the practical teaching of weights

and measures. Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by W. P. Brown that the secretary be and is here by instructed to take the school census.

The Board then adjourned.

Rockwood News

From our own Correspondent Mr. Stephenson, sr., is ill. He is one the few now living who settled in the pionee days of this township.

The Presbyterian congregation intend build a large driving shed, which will b proceeded with very soon.

Miss Armstrong lectures here on Thursday afternoon, with a view of forming a Christian Temperance Association. An immense tea-meeting is expected next week, Tuesday evening, to be given by the Canada Methodist Church. An interesting

St. Andrew's Church choir intend giving an organ recital in the Presbyterian Church here soon. The introduction of the organ has much improved the musical part of the mite outrage has been perpetrated.

Mr. Jas. Innes, M.P., spoke on Monday evening on the political questions of the day. His address was able and instructive. A large number turned out to hear him.

Mr. J. W. Benham-occupied the chair. Rev. Mr. Howitt closed the mission on Sabbath evening last, which commenced on the sixth. He preached every night since and had hearers from all denominations. He is in every way fitted to conduct reviva meetings, and where he has given his serv. ices has had marked success. His address to young men on Saturday evening was

About two hundred assembled on carnival night to formally open the rink. It was a decided success. The rink has been well patronized, and at all the occasions it has been open good order has been kept, which reflects well upon the managing committee biggest thing on ice," was fully verified, stock taking. Den't fail to get a share

-A lot of gent's clothing, as good as new, in rubbers, and overshoes, cheap, cheap stasscrifice. Apply to box 179, Acton P.O. cheap. Nelson, McRae & Co.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Of Esquesing Agricultural Society. A (

· The annual meeting of Esquesing Agricultural Society, was held in the occancif chamber, Stewarttown, last Thursday

The President, Mr. J. T. Elliott, occupied the chair, while Mr. Alex. Waldie fille I his position of Vive-President.

The meeting was more largely attended than usual, and Acton did her share in making up the quota, there being fifteen or sixteen delegates present.

The address of the retiring president was first in order. He complimented the society upon the success which attended it; thanked the members for having placed him in so responsible and honorable a position, and promised always to work in the interests of the Society. In concluding he bore testimony to the excellence of the Mr. Juo. Murray, the Secretery-Treasurer, eulogizing him in high terms.

The annual report of the Treasurer then road as follows :-

١	RECEIPTS.		
	Balance from 1884	3159	(
1	Members' subscriptions	302	i
1	Admission fees	176	7
1	Legislative grant	103	•
i.	Municipal grant	50	(
1	Miscellaneous receipts	12	(
	Total	5804	(
1	EXPENDITURES.		

-Cattle...... 94 00 -Sheep 57 (10 -Pigs..... 24 00 -Grain & seeds.. 33 00 -Roots..... 10 75 -Dairy products 15 25 -Fruits, flowers, 38 00 -Implements &c 34 50 -Ladies work & Fine arts 57 50

Ploughing match..... Printing & advertising Baud Working expenses, including Secty-Treas. salary, etc

The election of officers for the present year, resulted as follows :-President -- Alex. Waldie.

Vice-Pres-F. Ruddell.

Directors-1. Scotch Block -J. Stewart, A. Star 2. Norval-R. Noble, Jos. Brownridge 3. Stewarttown-D. Little. 4. Acton-Jos. Lasby, W. Hemstreet. 5. Glenwilliams-Thos, Cook

Messrs. R. Agnew, J. R. Barber, J. Elliott, Chas. Brown, A. Henderson an James L. Warren, were nominated honor ary directors, but after considerable dis

6. Georgetown-J. F. Taylor, J.

Mr. Jno. Murray was re-elected Secty

The business of the afternoon being nov concluded, Mr. James Bradley was invited to explain matters in general respecting the Farmers' Institute to be held Georgetown on the 29th and 30th instr This he proceeded to do in a very lucid and interesting manner, and we have no doubt the farmers will turn out in large numbers with their families to enjoy the 'excellent sessions of the institute.

The meeting then adjourned.

LIBEL SUITS

The Toronto "Mail" Mulcted for \$10,000 and the "Irish-Canadian" for \$8,000.

Toronto, Jan. 16 .- At the Civil Assized this afternoon the jury in the libel enit of Warden Massic against the Irak-Canadian after three hours' deliberation, brought a verdict of \$8,000 in favor of plaintiff. is understood that defendants will appeal. The verdict is the heaviest given against any Canadian newspaper for many years The jury wanted it to be understood tha they gave heavy damages so as to check

further similar attacks against plaintiff. MONTREAL, Jan. 18 .- After the conclusion of the address of counsel to-day in the La flamme-Mail libel suit, Mr. Justice Johnson charged the jury strongly against the Mail. After three-quarters of an hour's delibera tion, the jury returned a verdict against the Mail for \$10,000 damages. The verdict was \$6,000 damages for the publication of the article and \$4,000 damages on the supple. rewarded. mentary demand for the allegations of the plea. At the request of the judge, the foreman explained that while trying to agree upon a verdict upon the question of supplementary damages, nine jurymen were in favor of granting the amount awarded and | twenty bushels. three dissented.

----DYNAMITE OUTRAGE.

Another Outrage Startles the People

OBANGEVILLE, Jan. 18 .- The people ment on Sunday morning. Another dyna-1 o'clock on Sunday morning an explosion took place at the residence of Mr. Monro, police magistrate. On examining the premises it was found that a dynamife cartridge had been placed on the sill of th kitchen door, which was inside a shed The door was blown in, the stove broken and the windows and walls shattered The shed was also blown to pleces. The inmates of the house were not injured. This is the second attempt on the police magistrate, who has been inflicting fines for breaches of the Scott Act. There are rewards offered of one thousand dollars for the perpetrators of the first outrage. No doubt the reward will now be increased.

Big reductions of all kinds of mens' derclothing, gents' furnishings, men's dered clothing, ready-made clothing and overcoats, carnete, flannels, tweeds, blank ets, furs, hats and caps. The goods will be slaughtered irrespective of cost before judging from comments of those who the bargains. McLeod, Anderson & Co.

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Has no effect on our prices, but bears hard on our feelings.

LISTEN FOR A MOMENT, I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.

You have had to pay a few extra dollars this year. This cannot be helped now, but just now, right before you lies a chance I have never before till now offered, viz.:

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Halton Dry Goods House.

C. B. GRIFFIN.

From the North West.

To the Editor of the FREE PRESS. DEAR SIR :- I enclose \$2.00 to pay for the FREE PRESS for two years, and with it pen you a few notes respecting ourselves We have a good market for wheat, only

seven miles from us. Last season I raised 455 bushels of wheat, No. 1 red Fife: 320 bushels of oats; about 30 bushels of peas; 100 bushels of potatoes, besides a good Balance on hand..... 92 93 garden. I consider this very good for the third crop and all the work done by one man and a yoke of oxen.

Wo are all well and truly thankful to God for his many meroics and blessings. We have preaching, class meeting, Sunday school and public school about a mile and a half from us. I like the country well We had a very nice fall and winter up to New Year's, but the past week has been pretty cold and blustery. We had a Sunday school entertainment and Christmas tree on New Year's eve. It was a grand success. The house was crowded and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

There is not much land here abouts now for settlement unless the Government opens up the odd-numbered sections, of which there is some rumor. If this is efcussion it was decided upon motion to have fected there will be plenty of good land WATCH available in these parts. I believe we are in as good a section of country as there i Treas, and Messrs. D. McKenzie and D. to be found, frost and other things considered. Last season the frost never mjured potatoes vines even until the second week in October. The Manitoba and North Western railway is within seven miles us, and we have a good road to it." We d not raise as heavy crops as we hear of in some other parts. Our yield of wheat ran ces from 20 to 35 bhshels per acre, at from 50 to 60 of cats. The wheat here is generally of a good sample. I have so

nearly all of mine each year for seed. We are always glad to get the FREE PRES as it reminds as of old acquaintances, and seems every week like a letter from home It also informs us now the cause of God and the temperance cause are prospering in the old county of Halton." Wishing yo

and your readers prosperity and the compliments of the season. I am. yours truly, SAMUEL MCGORM

Orange Ridge, Man., Jan'y. 8th, 1886. New Advertisements.

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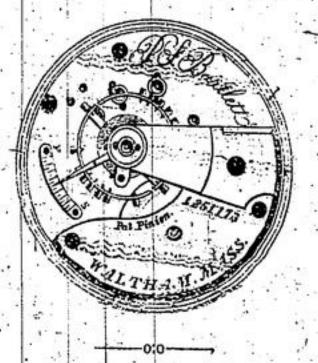
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